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HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST AGENTS POSE AS REFUGEES

The Communist authorities in Hungary have been issuing regular passports to their agents to carry out subversive activities abroad under the guise of bona fide refugees and escapees. These agents are usually accompanied by their families to deceive the Western authorities. Abroad, the Communist agents recount gruesome stories of conditions in Hungary, and claim to have used ingenious subterfuges to obtain passports.

They seek to gain the confidence of Western embassies and legations to start fifth-column activities at some later date. Some of these agitators in Austria, who declared that they had escaped with their families, have never been married. The women, registered on their passports as legitimate wives, were Communist agents. The children were usually taken from orphan asylums.

Austrian authorities started, on 1 November 1950, to refuse visas to persons with passports issued by the Hungarian government. Consequently, Hungarian Communist agents planning to reach Western lands took passage on Czech planes and land in Germany or Italy.

According to some of these Hungarian agitators, their main effort is directed at obtaining social disintegration in Western countries. In other words, they are not asked to organize sabotage acts in factories, but to spread Communism among Western intellectuals, and to confuse their minds.

One of the most characteristic features of this propaganda is to expose the faults of the economic system in Hungary, describe the political terror, etc. The propagandists, however, do not limit themselves to this. They usually add that while conditions are not good in the East they are not much better on the other side. They also accuse the Catholic clergy of indulging in politics, and declare the Cardinal Mindszenty was the real chief of the Vatican and US espionage network in Hungary. Finally, they declare that the Hungarian people have become resigned to their fate and are apprehensive of the liberation schemes of the Hungarian emigres abroad.

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